

Serial No. 10/822,120Docket No. 117-P-1345USD2**Amendments to the Claims**

A detailed list of all claims under examination is shown below. Please amend claims 1, 3-5, 12, 19, 31, 32 and 36 as shown below in marked form:

1. (currently amended): A coated resilient floor comprising a strippable intermediate acrylic coating atop ~~the substrate~~ resilient flooring, and a curable or hardenable urethane or acrylate topcoat atop the intermediate coating, wherein the topcoat comprises a mixed two-part curable composition that cures or hardens after the two parts are mixed and applied and which after cure or hardening is less strippable and more durable than the intermediate coating and sufficiently strip agent permeable so that when the topcoat is subjected to the action of a suitable the strip agent the topcoat and intermediate coating can be stripped without damaging the ~~floor~~ flooring.

Claim 2 (cancelled).

3. (currently amended): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the ~~floor~~ topcoat comprises ~~a resilient flooring material~~ an acrylate.

4. (currently amended): A coated floor according to ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, wherein the resilient flooring ~~material~~ comprises vinyl or vinyl composite flooring.

5. (currently amended): A coated floor according to claim 4, wherein the resilient flooring ~~material~~ comprises vinyl composite tiles.

6. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate coating comprises a metal-catalyzed acrylic finish.

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7. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate coating has a strippability rating of 6 or more on a 7 point scale, corresponding to at least partial strip with softened finish in all areas, using a test strip agent made using a 25% water solution of a concentrate that contained 59% softened water, 6% sodium xylene sulfonate, 4.5% potassium hydroxide, 10% monoethanolamine, 0.2% tetrasodium EDTA, 10% ethylene glycol phenyl ether and 0.05% fluorosurfactant, and a 10 minute standing time.
8. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate coating has a dry coating thickness of about 5 to about 38 micrometers.
9. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat comprises a polymerizable material.
10. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat comprises a photopolymerizable material.
11. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat comprises a thermally curable material.
12. (currently amended): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat comprises an ~~acrylate, urethane or acrylated urethane~~.
13. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 12, wherein the topcoat comprises an aromatic urethane.
14. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 12, wherein the topcoat comprises an aliphatic polyester urethane.
15. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat is not metal-catalyzed.

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16. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein after cure or hardening the topcoat has a strippability rating of 4 or less on a 7 point scale, corresponding to no more than severe chemical attack on the topcoat and the onset of stripping, using a test strip agent made using a 25% water solution of a concentrate that contained 59% softened water, 6% sodium xylene sulfonate, 4.5% potassium hydroxide, 10% monoethanolamine, 0.2% tetrasodium EDTA, 10% ethylene glycol phenyl ether and 0.05% fluorosurfactant, and a 10 minute standing time.
17. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat has a thickness after cure or hardening of about 5 to about 38 micrometers.
18. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate coating or topcoat comprise two or more different layers of materials.
19. (currently amended): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the ~~substrate~~ resilient flooring comprises a ~~floor~~ vinyl composite tiles and the strip agent-permeable coating comprises a UV curable finish.

Claims 20-30 cancelled.

31. (currently amended): A method for applying a finish to a ~~floor~~ resilient flooring, comprising:

- a) applying to the ~~floor~~ flooring a strippable intermediate acrylic coating;
- b) allowing the intermediate coating to dry or harden; and
- c) applying a urethane or acrylate topcoat to the intermediate coating,

wherein the topcoat comprises a mixed two-part curable or hardenable composition that cures or hardens after the two parts are mixed and applied and which after cure or hardening is less strippable and more durable than the intermediate coating and sufficiently strip agent permeable so that when the topcoat is subjected to the action of a ~~suitable~~ the strip agent the topcoat and intermediate coating can be stripped without damaging the ~~floor~~ flooring.

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32. (currently amended): A method according to claim 31, wherein the topcoat is ~~thermally curable~~ comprises an acrylate.
33. (original): A method according to claim 31, wherein the intermediate coating is applied in two or more coats.
34. (original): A method according to claim 31, wherein the topcoat is applied in two or more coats.
35. (previously presented): A method according to claim 34, wherein each of said two or more coats is cured before application of any further coat.
36. (currently amended): A method according to claim 31, comprising the further steps of:
- d) applying a strip agent to the topcoat;
 - e) allowing the strip agent to permeate through the topcoat to attack the intermediate coating; and
 - f) removing the intermediate coating and topcoat without removing substantial portions of the underlying ~~floor~~ flooring.
37. (previously presented): A method according to claim 36, wherein permeation of the strip agent through the topcoat is enhanced by mechanically roughening the topcoat prior to applying the strip agent.
38. (previously presented): A method according to claim 36, wherein removal of the intermediate coating and topcoat occurs in less than 10 minutes after application of the strip agent.
39. (previously presented): A coated floor according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat comprises a urethane.
40. (previously presented): A method according to claim 31, wherein the topcoat comprises a urethane.